

What is claimed is:

1 1. A method for communicating with a wireless informational device comprising
2 the steps of
3 receiving an information request and device identification information of said
4 wireless device;
5 accessing an informational database with said information request;
6 receiving from the informational database information in response to the
7 information request; and
8 transferring said responsive information and said wireless identification information
9 to a wireless information distribution system capable of communicating said responsive
10 information to said wireless informational device.

1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein said information request comprises a plurality
2 of geographic locations and said responsive information comprises driving directions
3 between said locations.

1 3. The method of claim 2 wherein said informational database is a mapping
2 database providing driving directions in response to a query containing a geographic
3 starting and ending point.

1 4. The method of claim 2 wherein said driving directions are provided in text
2 format.

1 5. The method of claim 2 wherein said driving directions are provided in graphic
2 format.

1 6. The method of claim 1, wherein said informational database is Internet-based
2 and is accessed remotely through HTTP emulation.

1 7. The method of claim 1 wherein said wireless information distribution system is
2 a wireless paging network.

1 8. The method of claim 1 wherein said wireless information distribution system is
2 Internet-accessible and wherein accessing of said wireless informational distribution
3 system is accomplished via HTTP emulation.

1 9. The method of claim 1, wherein said wireless information distribution system is
2 accessed remotely via dedicated data lines.

1 10. The method of claim 1, wherein said wireless information distribution system

1 is accessed locally via dedicated data lines.

2 11. The method of claim 1, used to communicate with a wireless informational
3 device which is an alpha-numeric pager.

1 Sub 7 12. A method for communicating with a voice mailbox comprising the steps of:
2 CB receiving an information request and voice mailbox identification information;
3 accessing an informational database with said information request;
4 * receiving from the informational database text format information in response to
5 said request;
6 processing said text format information with a text-to-voice processor to generate
7 an audio representation of said responsive information;
8 accessing a voice mailbox identified by said voice mailbox identification
9 information; and
10 sending said audio representation to said accessed voice mailbox.

1 13. The method of claim 12 wherein said information request comprises a plurality
2 of geographic locations and said responsive information comprises driving directions
3 between said addresses.

1 14. The method of claim 13, wherein said informational database is a mapping
2 database providing driving directions in response to a query containing a geographic

starting and ending point.

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15. The method of claim 13, wherein said responsive information comprises driving directions in text format.

16. The method of claim 12 wherein said informational database is Internet-based and is accessed remotely through HTTP emulation.

17. A system for communicating with a wireless informational device comprising:
a receiver accepting an information request and identification information of the wireless device;
a connection to an informational database, said information request being sent over said connection, and responsive information being received thereover from said informational database; and
a transmitter linked to a wireless information distribution system, said transmitter transferring said responsive information and wireless device identification information to said distributor system for subsequent transmission of said responsive information to said wireless informational device.

18. The system of claim 17 wherein said receiver comprises a computer server.

1 19. The system of claim 18, wherein said receiver further comprises computer
2 terminals networked to said computer server configured to accept data from users seeking
3 to utilize said system.

1 20. The system of claim 19 wherein said server is Internet-based and configured to
2 be accessed remotely by said computer terminals.

1 21. The system of claim 17 wherein one of said connection to said informational
2 database and said transmitter comprises a computer server.

1 22. The system of claim 17 wherein said informational wireless network is
2 Internet-based and configured to be accessed remotely by said transmitter.

1 23. The system of claim 17 wherein said wireless information distribution system
2 is configured to be accessed remotely by said transmitter via dedicated data lines.

1 24. The system of claim 17 wherein said wireless information distribution system
2 is accessed locally by said transmitter via dedicated data lines.

1 25. The system of claim 17 wherein said informational wireless network is a

1 paging network.

1 26. The system of claim 17 wherein said receiver, said connection, and said
2 transmitter are contained on the same server.

1 27. A system for communicating with a voice mailbox comprising:
2 a receiver accepting an information request and identification information of said
3 voice mailbox;
4 a connection to an informational database, said information request being sent over
5 said connection, and responsive information being received thereover from said
6 informational database;
7 a text-to-voice processor receiving said responsive information in text format and
8 providing responsive information in voice format; and
9 a transmitter providing said responsive information in voice format to said
10 mailbox.

28. The system of claim 27 wherein said receiver comprises a computer server.

1 29. The system of claim 28 wherein said receiver further comprises computer
2 terminals networked to said computer server.

1 30. The system of claim 28 wherein said receiver is Internet-based and is
2 configured to be accessed remotely by said computer terminals.

1 31. The system of claim 27 wherein one of said connection to said informational
2 database, said text-to-voice processor and said transmitter comprises a computer server.

1 32. The system of claim 27 wherein said transmitter, said connection, said
2 processor and said transmitter are provided in a common server.

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